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## AHF NEWS

1/1/2006 - **A Centennial Celebration! The American Hungarian Federation turns 100 - Join and help us represent the interests of our community!**



The American Hungarian Federation (AHF), was founded in 1906 in Cleveland, Ohio. Among the oldest ethnic organizations in the US, AHF was established as an association of Hungarian societies, institutions and churches to "defend the interest of Americans of Hungarian origin in the United States." The American Hungarian Federation strives to unite the American Hungarian community through work that supports common goals. AHF is a national, non-partisan, independent umbrella organization representing the interests of the Hungarian American community. [\[more about us\]](#)

It's time to work together. [JOIN AHF](#) online!     

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Kellemes Karácsonyi Ünnepeket!



Santa Claus is called "Télapó" or "Mikulás." According to legend, one night he put three bags of gold in three sisters window to rescue them from being poor and allow them to marry honorable men.

Christmas trees are decorated in Hungary on December 24th (see "[How to Decorate a Hungarian Christmas Tree](#)"). Parents decorate separately from the children and then ring the Christmas bell, signaling to the children that the angels have brought and decorated the Christmas tree and that Baby Jesus has arrived with gifts. The family gathers 'round the tree holding hands to sing "Angel from Heaven," or "Menybol Az



12/21/2005 - **AHF helps sponsor First Hungarian Christmas in Brooklyn, New York...** Initiated

by the weekly newspaper and member organization The American Hungarian Word / Amerikai Magyar Szó - A Híd, the event will be held at 12 noon on December 24th at the St. Rosalia Roman Catholic Church (6301 14th Ave.). After the noon mass, a reception will be held. A midnight mass is also scheduled. For more details, [[download the announcement](#)]

Angyal" in Hungarian. After opening gifts, a dinner featuring hot, spiced wine, soup, or "borleves," and fish, duck or other delectable course is served. Families then attend midnight mass together.

**Links:**

- Hungarian Children's Christmas Songs (Gyermekdalok) [[visit](#)]
- Hungarian Christmas Songs [[visit](#)]



12/17/2005 - **Tennessee Hungarians trying to organize.** Please help the Tennessee Hungarian

community join forces to preserve Hungarian American culture in the Volunteer State where Hungarian Americans have a long history and Col. Géza Mihalóczy became a Civil War Hero and organized the famed "Lincoln Riflemen." Contact [Joe Pinter](#) for more information at: [707bradplbjboro@bellsouth.net](mailto:707bradplbjboro@bellsouth.net) and see more [Famous Hungarians](#).

**Alert!** January 9 - February 10, 2006

**Art Exhibit in Baltimore to raise funds for "Freedom Dance the Movie" - an animated documentary film**



**about the 1956 Hungarian Revolution! Original Art, created for the movie, to be sold.**

12/15/2005 - **AHF providing free Websites on the 1956 Portal** to member organizations as they prepare for the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution. If you know of any



organization or group planning events for the commemoration of 1956, please contact us. The American Hungarian Federation is

sponsoring the 1956 Portal as part of its goals to coordinate and assist member organizations across the country. The 1956 Portal serves as a central information resource for 1956 activities as our community prepares for the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution. The Portal also includes **Audio and Video files!** If you have additional photos or have plans you would like to promote, contact us! Write to [Bryan Dawson](#) at [bryandawson@americanhungarianfederation.org](mailto:bryandawson@americanhungarianfederation.org)

"As the 50th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution approaches and memories of its destruction by Soviet forces recede, it is vital to show the sufferings of ordinary Hungarians. This film is a bold endeavor to help Americans understand both the bravery of a people yearning for freedom and the brutal invasion that was intended to crush their hopes."

- Janusz Bugajski, Director, Central and East European Studies, Center for Strategic and International Studies

[See [www.hungary1956.com](http://www.hungary1956.com)]

**Featured Video**

Freedom Dance is produced and directed by award-winning filmmakers Steven Fischer and Craig Herron. They collaborated with 1956



emigre Edward Hilbert in combining recorded interviews and photographs with the unconventional use of



Note: You will need the free RealAudio Player to see these videos. Click [\[here\]](#) to download.

**"Five Days of Freedom in Budapest"**

"Budapest is in revolt. With uncontrolled fury, crowds set fire to Russian flags... The impossible has happened. A handful of heroes has shaken the communist world to its foundations." (5.2 Mb)  
 [See [more audio and video files](#)]



12/7/2005 - **By a unanimous and recorded vote, the House of Representatives passed H. Res. 479 on December 6, 2005.** The resolution, which had been introduced by Congressman Tom

Lantos (D-CA), recognizes the 50th anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution and enjoyed the support of the American Hungarian community and its various organizations.

The American Hungarian Federation applauds Congressman Lantos for taking the initiative to introduce and secure passage of H. Res. 479. As stated earlier by the Federation, "With this resolution, the Congress has eloquently recognized the extraordinary sacrifices made by Hungarians 50 years ago, reaffirmed the historic ties and close friendship between the United States and Hungary and acknowledged the tremendous contribution made by Hungarians forced to flee tyranny and start a new life in the United States."



Full Text of H. Res. 479 is below or [\[downloadable as a PDF\]](#)



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**Featured Member**

character-driven cartoon animation.

**Where and When?**

Norman & Sara Brown Art Gallery,  
 Jewish Community Center of Greater Baltimore  
 5700 Park Heights Avenue  
 Baltimore, MD 21215  
 410-542-4900  
<http://www.jcc.org>

Exhibit runs January 9 - February 10, 2006 with a reception Sunday, January 22, 2006 from 3-5pm. The reception is free, and we are selling the original art work from the movie (signed by Edward Hilbert) to raise finishing funds. Hungarian Ambassador Andras Simonyi and Cultural Attache Karoly Dan from the Hungarian Embassy will be on hand to speak at the reception. [\[visit the official Website\]](#)

**alert!** **Attention Hungarians who came to the US during World War II or the 1956 Revolution:** AHF Member Barbara Lanciers is a theatre artist (performer/director/choreographer) from New York City and a recent transplant to Baltimore, Maryland. She is working on the creation of a performance piece based on her grandmother's escape from Budapest to the US in 1944. The project is entitled, "Leaves with A Name." Barbara is in conceptual stages. If you are interested in helping her or being interviewed, contact her at [blanciers@googlemail.com](mailto:blanciers@googlemail.com)

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Hungarian Christmas Festival in Wolverhampton, England, ends**  
 12/21/2005 - Wolverhampton Online

This year, shoppers and visitors to the



**Dr. István Stephen Szára**, recent recipient of AHF's Col. [Commandant Michael Kovats Medal of Freedom](#) (awarded at AHF's [Oct. 19 Congressional Reception](#) honoring 1956) is a Chemist, Psychiatrist,

Pharmacologist, and Professor who fled Hungary after the 1956 Revolution. He is a pioneering researcher in psychopharmacology and consciousness. Dr. Szára presented world's first clinical report on DMT and first to show DMT as hallucinogenic in 1956: providing a basis for subsequent work on schizophrenia. He retired as Chief of the NIH National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Biomedical Research Branch. Read more about him on [[Featured Members](#)] and [[read his acceptance speech](#)]



city are set for a special treat when Wolverhampton plays host to one of the first Hungarian Markets to visit the UK. [[read more](#)]

### **The Independent Smallholders Party Returns / Újjáélede Független Kiszgazdapárt**

12/21/2005 Magyar Radio Online

Politikával, pártokkal foglalkozó újságíró, vagy riporter, hacsak nem akart valamilyen bulvár ízu szenzációt kicsiholni magából, inkább legyintette egyet az elmúlt esztendőben, ha a kiszgazdapárt szóba került. Ki tudja a sok közül melyik az igazi? A jelek arra mutatnak, talán befejeződött a zurzavaros időszak. [[tovabb](#)]

### **In Memorium**

11/15/2005 - **AHF President Emeritus, Entrepreneur, Freedom Activist, and 1959 US "Citizen of the Year," George K. Haydu, passed away after long illness.** The death of this great humanitarian and leader is a major loss for the Hungarian-American community and to all his many friends. Despite many death threats and



1959 "Citizen of the Year"

being shot in the leg during "Loyalty Day" parade in New York City, George was undeterred in his efforts to bring freedom to Hungary and comfort to refugees. [[read more](#)

[about George Haydu](#)] or see [[All Memorials](#)]

### **"Hungarian R.E.M." Rocking at the Csarnok**

12/22/2005 - Budapest Sun Online

On Dec 23, Hungary's "leading alternative rock band" will take to the stage at the Petőfi Csarnok for its annual winter concert. Kispál és a borz was formed in Pécs in 1987, and has released nearly a dozen acclaimed albums and played to thousands in clubs and at festivals throughout Hungary. [[read more](#)]

### **Hungary PM vows 2010 euro, reforms after elections**

12/21/2005 - Reuters

Hungarian Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany said on Wednesday that his Socialist-led government was committed to adopting the euro currency in 2010 and will carry out necessary reforms in the public sector if re-elected. Hungary will hold parliamentary elections in 2006 and the ruling Socialists and conservative opposition are running neck and neck in most

### **Disaster Relief Wall of Honor**

We've reached the \$6500.00 mark! Who is giving to the



Disaster Relief Fund? AHF would like to publicly say "thank you." [Click here](#) to see and then [join us](#) to help our community!

opinion polls. [[read more](#)]

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**Featured Link:** Do you think you know something about famous Hungarians? Think again! See "Nobel Prize Winners and Famous Hungarians" on [www.thehungarypage.com](http://www.thehungarypage.com)

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Please join AHF and work together on common ground issues!

## There are two easy ways to Join and Support us!

### 1) Online Processing (fastest):



Contribute or join online! AHF accepts all major credit cards and checks. AHF is a 501c(3) non-profit organization. Your donations may be tax deductible. Your information is secure not shared with anyone. [Secure Transaction](#) 

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## England to play Hungary in May Wembley friendly

12/20/2005 - Reuters

England will play Hungary in a soccer friendly at the new Wembley Stadium on May 30, the head of the Hungarian Football Association said on Tuesday.

"The English association has invited Hungary for the opening international game of the new Wembley," Imre Bozoky was quoted as saying by the national news agency MTI. [[read more](#)]

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## 2005 was a year of image shifting, bipolarity and populism

12/20/2005 - Budapest Times

From the point of view of political communication, 2005 was a year of preparation for the parties, with an election due early in 2006. Just as in the previous year, there were numerous campaigns by the parties. But there were changes in the goals and arguments of those campaigns. [[read more](#)]

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## Hungary, Austria to hold joint gov't session on Tuesday

12/19/2005 - MTI

Budapest, December 19 (MTI) - Hungary and Austria are scheduled to hold their first joint government session in Vienna on Tuesday, twelve days ahead of the latter taking over the European Union's rotating presidency, a national daily said on Monday. [[read more](#)]

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**Individual**

**Membership, \$50.00**



**Patron**

**AHF Patron**

**Member, \$100.00**



**Donation**

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### **AHF Disaster Relief**

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### **TARGET: Transylvania Flooding:**



**Transylvania**

### **TARGET: Hurricane Katrina:**



**Katrina**

Those of you uncomfortable with online transactions, see option 2 below and be sure to include a note indicating which targeted fund you are supporting. (You do not need to become a member to donate.)

### **2) The Old-Fashioned Way:**

If you are uncomfortable or unable to process an Internet transaction, download the [AHF Membership Registration Form](#) and mail it in with your check payable to "American Hungarian Federation." NOTE: If you are sending a donation for a specific fund, please be sure to include that on the form. (You do not need to become a member to donate):

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C/O Sandor Murray, Treasurer  
2805 56th Place  
Woodside NY 11377

For technical assistance, contact [bryandawson@americanhungarianfederation.org](mailto:bryandawson@americanhungarianfederation.org)

### **telecommunications! Vodafone Launches 3G service in Hungary**

12/20/2005 - People's Daily Online, China

Vodafone Hungary has launched its 3G services in Hungary, and the first service from Vodafone will be high speed Internet access on the new 3G network with the Vodafone Mobile Connect 3G data card, Hungarian media said Monday. [\[read more\]](#)

### **FIDESZ Holds Three-Point Edge in Hungary**

12/18/2005 - Angus Reid online

The opposition Citizens Party (Fidesz) of former prime minister Viktor Orban is the top-rated political organization in Hungary, according to a poll by Median. 35 per cent of respondents would vote for Fidesz in the next general election. [\[read more\]](#)

### **Hungarian Olympic Committee appoints new general secretary**

12/17/2005 - MTI

Budapest, December 17 (MTI) - The general meeting of the Hungarian Olympic Committee (MOB) appointed two-times Olympic silver medal fencing champion Jenő Kamuti to the post of General Secretary on Saturday. [\[read more\]](#)

### **The Effects of closing a Hungarian Church in Allentown: St. Stephen's made Hungarian refugee girl feel at home**

12/15/2005 - McCall.com

The night was very cold in November of 1956 in my village of Csakany, Hungary, and snow blanketed the countryside. Inside our little house, the

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wood fire in the stove burned brightly as we sat close to warm our hands and feet.

I lived there with my mother, father, grandmother and grandfather, and my big brother, age 10. [[read more](#)]

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### **Pick Szeged asks Competition Office to investigate case of stealthy salami maker**

12/12/2005 - MTI

Pick Szeged, Hungary's most famous salami maker, has requested that the Competition Office consider whether the sale of low-quality Austrian salami in packaging similar to that used by Pick Szeged is legal or meets Hungary's consumer protection standards, Pick Szeged CEO Laszlo Kovacs announced late Tuesday. [[read more](#)]

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### **Hungary supports Macedonia EU bid**

12/12/2005 - Greece

Hungary supports Macedonia's aspirations to become a candidate country for the European Union membership, Hungarian Ambassador to Macedonia Ferenc Poka told journalists on Tuesday. [[read more](#)]

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### **Hungary backs referendum on Montenegro's independence, says PM**

12/13/2005 - MTI

Budapest, December 13 (MTI) - Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany on Tuesday told Montenegro's President Filip Vujanovic that Hungary shows understanding towards Montenegro's planned referendum on independence, all the more so as the constitution approved on March 2003 declares its right to vote on the issue. [[read more](#)]

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## **The Wild Hungarian Plain**

12/13/2005 - Mathaba.net

Following in the hoof-steps of Attila the Hun, Jim Whyte finds himself out on the wild Hungarian Plain, among an elite band of legendary horsemen [\[read more\]](#)

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## **Destination Spas of Western Hungary**

12/12/2005 - Europe Travel News

By The early morning overcast sky had just given way to a beautiful, bright summer's day and already the large spa teemed with about equal number of both sexes. Antal introduced a charming young lady by the name of Veronika Oszkó, who would guide us through this busy complex that includes both indoor and outdoor thermal pools. [\[read more\]](#)

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## **Consortium set up to launch biofuel marketplace**

12/11/2005 - Budapest Business Journal

With an eye to raising interest in various types of biofuel throughout the European Union, an international consortium led by Hungarian-owned Geonardo Kft is planning to start work in January on an internet-based marketplace focusing on trade and investment opportunities in this area. [\[read more\]](#)

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## **All Hungarian households to have internet access in ten years, says minister**

12/9/2005 - MTI

Budapest, December 9 (MTI) - All Hungarian households will have access to the internet within the next ten years, IT Minister Kalman Kovacs on Friday. [\[read more\]](#)

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**President Solyom considers minorities  
ahead of two-day visit to Slovakia**

12/8/2005 - MTI

Hungarian President Laszlo Solyom departed for a two-day official visit to neighbouring Slovakia on Thursday. In a pre-visit interview to Slovak daily Pravda, Solyom said the aim of the trip was to foster neighbourly relations and consult on joint representation of interests in the European Union. [[read more](#)]

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**Hungary to host third NATO radar  
site**

12/8/2005 - UPI

In a move certain to discomfit Russia, Hungary, a member of NATO since 1999, will host a NATO radar complex on Nagy-Tubes hill near Pecs. The installation is part of NATO's early warning defense system, and will be the third NATO early-warning radar installation in Hungary. [[read more](#)]

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**Official denies Hungary's  
involvement in CIA renditions**

12/7/2005 - MTI

The state secretary in charge of civilian secret services reiterated in Parliament on Wednesday that Hungary had not been involved in any secret prisons or similar CIA missions. [[read more](#)]

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